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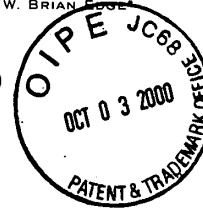
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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/437,607; filed November 10, 1999
For: **Recovering Metals from Soil**
Inventors: Chaney *et al.*
Our Ref: 1797.0090005/RWE/KKV

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate);
2. Form PTO-1449 and accompanying (2) references; and
3. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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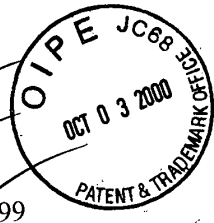
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Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The numbering on this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is a continuation of the numbering in Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 21, 2000 in connection with the above-captioned application.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

Applicants direct the attention of the Examiner to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/147,721, which is directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of this U.S. Patent Application is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination.

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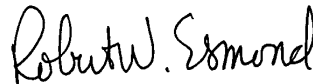
Consideration of the cited documents and making the same of record in the prosecution of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

This First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No statement or fee is required.

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